

# The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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By the late Dr. W. B. Riley,  
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"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."—Dan. 1:8.

It is said, "the boy is father to the man." If that be true, our text in telling us what sort of a boy Daniel was prophesies Daniel the man.

But I am going to give this second discourse upon Daniel to the boy, for as yet he is a lad, and there are certain traits in this lad's character suggested by our text that are only too seldom found in the hearts and lives of our modern young men, and yet they are traits that make for manliness, and as well for godliness.

#### Daniel's Doctrine Was Total Abstinence—Not Temperance

The text does not say that Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not eat so much of the king's meat as to make himself sick, nor drink so much of the king's wine that he could not walk straight; instead he discarded the whole business. His total abstinence differentiated him from the gluttons and drunkards and temperance advocates among the Chaldeans. If Daniel were alive today, he would be in the minority, reckoned by good men as Puritanical and by good partisans as a crank of a Prohibitionist.

Daniel was not a temperance man, he was a total abstainer instead. Many a man boasts himself a temperance man and yet bowls up every week. So long as he can find his way to his home and turn the key in his door, he is a temperance man, e'en though he keeps a demi-john and wine glasses and all that sort of thing. Kentucky, in the days of my boyhood, was full of such friends of temperance, and I find that even yet Minneapolis is not free from them.

Did it ever occur to you that there are only three steps from the occasional tippler to the tottering wreck and wretch? The tippler of this year will be a man of many tumblers next year, and by the year following will have

tumbled himself, and finally he may plunge into the pit. It is a delusion of the devil's, that every beginner-at-drink entertains in thinking that he will be the hundredth man and escape such evil results.

Neal Dow, in a temperance con-

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## When the Books Are Opened

By Evangelist Jesse Hendley, D.D.,  
Atlanta, Georgia

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened."—Rev. 20:12.

Some day YOU are going to need the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. In a railroad accident, a man preserved by the mercy of God helped to the best of his ability the wounded and dying. He went to where the engine driver was pinned down beneath the wreck of his engine. The man's lips were moving and as he bent down to listen he heard these words, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." The unhurt man, a man of great wealth, cried out, "I would give my life and all that I possess to have a faith like yours." "Ah, sir," was the feeble response of the dying believer, "it costs just that."

Is it worth it? Yes. It costs everything you have, but there is coming a day of judgment, and we read in Revelation 20:12, "The books were opened." What a time it is going to be when the books shall be opened, my friends, according to the Word of God! How terrible the judgment is going to be! God is going to open up the record of your life. Sinner friend, you who have rejected Christ and paid no attention to Him, what a time it is going to be for you!

I want you to reason with me now for a few moments as we think about this expression, "When God opens the books." God will open your record for all to see.

Recently on a television broadcast, the Kefauver Crime Investigation Committee, authorized by the Senate of the United States

## The Sins of the Saints

By Evangelist John F. MacArthur, D.D.  
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"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse from us all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."—I John 1:8-10.

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."—I John 2:1, 2.

The intriguing subject, "The Sins of the Saints," sounds almost like a contradiction, but it is not. There has been much false teaching, and a great deal of misunderstanding on this subject, and much that has been said is un-Biblical and untrue. The setting of this discussion is found in Scriptures quoted above, where the Word of God says that "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves." Then the Word of God continues, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Further, "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us." Again, John says, "My little children," ("Teknon" which means my little ones in the faith, those that are my particular care and responsibility) "these things I write unto you that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an

advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:1).

#### Christians Do Sin

In every believer, every born-again child of God, there remains the liability to sin. If you go through the Scripture, you will find many of the saints of God, many of those most wonderfully used of God, many of those whose testimonies brilliantly blazed for God actually fell into sin. Noah, though he was a redeemed man, got drunk. Simon Peter, though he was one of Jesus' twelve apostles and lived in intimate fellowship with Jesus for three and a half years, lied, cursed, and denied his Lord. Ananias and Sapphira, both members of the early church, were guilty of lying; they were guilty of covetousness; they were guilty of vanity; and you remember they were slain as an example and a testimony to the church in



Dr. John MacArthur

its infancy of the seriousness of lying to the Holy Spirit. Abraham is rightfully recognized as one of the most outstanding men of faith in all the Word of God, and yet on two occasions he deliberately lied concerning his own wife. Both of their lives were jeopardized by his needless lying. We read that David was a man after God's own heart, and yet we know, too, that David one day stained the pages of the Old Testament with his gruesome guilt so ugly, so horrifying that to think of it now makes us shudder. He committed both adultery and murder! There is no question that Jacob was a saved man, and yet we read in the Word

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## HERESIES EXPOSED

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Compiled by Wm. C. Irvine

## British-Israelism

By Wm. C. Irvine

On the fourteenth of July, 1930, the British-Israel World Federation inserted a whole-page advertisement in *The Times of India* outlining their teaching, appealing, amongst others, to Indians for their support. It closes with these words:

"This appeal is also to you, O Brethren,—who are yourselves Indians, but are verily also the sons of Jacob," etc.\* Such an appeal, at that juncture (1930), was certain to fall on deaf ears! One might as well today (1935) appeal to the Germans!

Amongst many other statements of the kind, the following was printed in capitals:

\*Is Mr. A. H. Forbes responsible for this Appeal? In his pamphlet, *British Israel under New Searchlights*, in which he criticizes *British Israel Truth* after exposing their line of argument (see later in the article), Mr. Forbes says: "Before taking leave of the book, let me make an alternative suggestion: May not the Hindus of India be the 'lost tribes'?" If agreed, Mr. Forbes must smile!

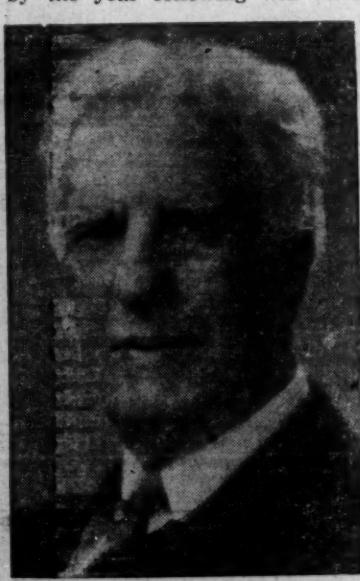
"THE ANGLO-SAXON NATION AND COMPANY OF NATIONS, AND THE UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE SAME PEOPLE, CONSTITUTE THE NATIONAL BASIS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE EARTH."

Now surely such an advertisement, advising that an agent was expected to be sent out to tour India, strongly emphasized the fact that these British-Israelites were very much alive and very much in earnest. In a trenchant article on British-Israelism,† Pastor D. M. Panton, Editor of *The Dawn*, commented by saying:

Very holy people can hold very serious error; therefore it behooves

†*The Indian Christian*, Oct. 1927.

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Dr. W. B. Riley



Dr. Jesse Hendley



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"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU  
COMFORTLESS: I WILL COME  
UNTO YOU" — JOHN 14:18



Rutherford L. Decker, D.D., LL.D. has been Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals since July 1, 1952. Dr. Decker has been associated with the NAE since its origination in 1942. Since that time he has served as President, and has held a pastorate in the Temple Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

A land where the door of opportunity is wide open . . . pray for Denmark.

#### Senator Nixon a Christian

Sen. Nixon, GOP Vice-presidential nominee, is a Quaker, is described in unconfirmed report as having "had a genuine experience with the Lord."

#### Homegoing of Dr. Norman Camp

Rev. Norman H. Camp, long time editorial secretary of the Colportage Division of the Moody Press, went home to be with the Lord, July 9, 1952, after a brief illness. He was 85 years old. Rev. Camp was saved in one of the Union Bible classes conducted by William R. Newell in 1900. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. S. F. Logsdon in Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, July 12. He was a highly respected friend of the editor.

#### Ridgecrest Reports Biggest Attendance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (E/P) Over 2,900 college and university students were registered for the annual Student Week retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, June 4-11, according to Dr. G. Kearne Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board here.

Dr. Keegan described this year's retreat as the first "truly cosmopolitan" meeting, with 22 nations represented on the campus. He reported several conversions among the ones attending through the special effort to bring students of other nationalities to the retreat, among them a Chinese boy, a Chilean boy, a Cuban girl, and a Russian boy.

#### American Council Blames Ecumenical Movement

SCRANTON, Penna. (E/P) In a resolution unanimously adopted at its spring convention (April 30-May 2) in Scranton, the American Council of Christian Churches asked Christians everywhere to pray that missionary doors closed through the instrumentality of the Ecumenical Movement be opened. The ACCC cited the plight of the Livingstone Memorial Mission, in its effort to place 16 Bible-believing evangelical missionaries into Tanganyika Territory, Africa, and laid the blame for this closed door at the leaders of the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches. The ACCC blamed closed doors in China and North Korea upon the United Nations and the U.S. State Department for their policies in dealing with Communism in the Far East.

#### Deferment for Lay Workers

A 4-D (ministerial) classification may be given by draft boards to unordained laymen "on the basis of special consideration" and "in particularly meritorious cases." Selective Service officials stress (July 7) that the action was "neither mandatory nor blanket."

#### News Briefs

During the period of 1946-51 Southern Baptist Sunday School

## Let Readers Tell You What the Sword Has Done!

By the Editor

The letters which come to the Sword of the Lord office are amazing in the stories they tell of souls saved, of ministers helped, of missionaries encouraged, and of common Christians who find light on life's problems and inspiration and help in knowing the will of God through these pages. If we could find words to tell of the marvelous transformations wrought by the Gospel messages in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, we would hardly be believed. The truth is stranger than fiction, and it often seems too good to be true.

#### I. The Ministers, God Bless Them, Need the Sword!

Please read the following letters from ministers and see how tremendously important it is that THE SWORD OF THE LORD should go to a Gospel preacher who will read it.

#### Methodist Preacher Comforted After Reading Sword

" . . . A man asked me if I got this paper. I told him I did not. He said he had been getting it for over a year and I could have this copy. So I took it and have been

reading it and I have not in a long time seen anything so RICH and full of good things for the soul.

" . . . I am a poor Methodist preacher . . . If there is any one thing I do hate . . . it is MODERNISM, WORLDLINESS AND FORMALISM. I feel sometimes like I am fighting a losing battle, and I had just as well give up . . . Then out of a blue sky someone gives me a paper like this. Then I know that some place in this world of ours I have someone who is moved by the POWER OF GOD and is crying out to a world in darkness to REPENT, so out of my heart I say, 'Thank God for you and my prayers are ever with you.'

(Signed) Rev. E. V. Cromer  
Erin, Tennessee

A Methodist minister drove across Georgia to tell me how he had lost his faith in Emory University, and then had been brought back to faith in the Bible and in Christ by articles in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Will godly Methodist people who read this help me to get THE SWORD OF THE

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ed 742,000,000 in 1952. Non-Christian religions total approximately 1,576,900,000, as follows: Jews, 15,600,000; Mohammedans, 315,000,000; Animists, 160,000,000; Buddhists, 170,000,000; Confucians and Taoists, 350,400,000; Hindus, 255,000,000; Shintoists, 90,000,000; others, 220,900,000.

The latest census reveals that 44.1 per cent of Americans are still unchurched. Protestants represent 58.5 per cent of the church populations; Catholics, 33.2 per cent; and others, 8.3 per cent.

Church organizations and religious groups may apply for licenses to operate radio stations on the same basis as any other groups, the Federal Communications Commission ruled recently.

#### Dean Brooks to Westmont

Dr. Charles C. Brooks, dean of students at Wheaton College since 1944, has accepted the position of dean of students at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California. He and Mrs. Brooks and their son David, will leave Wheaton early in August for their new home on the west coast.

Dr. Brooks leaving Wheaton is regretted by his co-workers and by hundreds of students whom he has aided with hours of untiring advice and counseling. He looks upon his new responsibilities at Westmont as a further opportunity for service. Dr. Brooks will be succeeded by Arthur H. Volle, vocational counselor at Wheaton.

## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

I have just returned to the office at Bob Jones University, where I will be for just a few hours before leaving for a speaking tour in a number of western cities. I have just closed an eight-day evangelistic campaign under a big tent on the grounds of the little church in Southeast Alabama where I found the Lord when I was eleven years old, which was over fifty-seven years ago.

We had a great time and a wonderful meeting. I met a woman who was saved under my ministry when I was sixteen years old. Her daughter who is a graduate of Bob Jones University and who married a well-known minister of the Gospel was converted at the opening revival the first year she attended the institution. The lady has another daughter who is now a student in Bob Jones University and who was led to Jesus Christ before she came here by a great-nephew of mine who is a graduate of the institution and who is a minister of the Gospel. The first daughter who graduated and has gone out into the world and my great-nephew who led the other daughter to Jesus

Christ both had part-time work/loan scholarships, and they could not have attended school without this assistance.

You Christian people who have invested money in this Fund cannot begin to realize how much you have done. Some of the money has been used to help train missionaries for far-away lands. It has helped train some preachers at home, and it has helped train some of the best-known evangelists in America and a great many other young people who attended Bob Jones University who are now in different walks of life, most of whom are active Christian workers.

We wish to thank all of you again for what you have done in the past, and we are appealing to you to keep on helping us until we reach the goal we have set. You friends who have not yet made an investment, we are appealing to you to make one now. Please let us hear from you. Thank you and God bless you.

BOB JONES, Founder  
Bob Jones University  
Greenville, S. C.  
(Advertisement)

## Noteworthy NEWS Notes

### Jim Vaus Going To Army

WINONA LAKE, Indiana (E/P Special) Jim Vaus of Los Angeles, former wire-tapper for Mickey Cohen and once court-martialed by the U.S. Army, is going back into the army—to preach the gospel. The sound expert, court-martialed in World War II for misuse of government priorities and misappropriation of government property and later pardoned by President Truman after serving a year of his 10-year sentence at McNeil Island, off Washington, told a Youth for Christ International convention audience of 4,500 that he will start on August 4 a long series of evangelistic services at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md., at invitation of Major General MacMorland. Vaus recently appeared there for one night and so impressed were army officials with his electronic knowledge and scientific approach to the gospel that he was invited back. He will take with him more than a ton of equipment which he uses in illustrating his sermons.

### Warns of Moral Decay

WINONA LAKE, Indiana (E/P) The current devastating moral decay is a greater enemy to America than Communism, Howard E. Butt of Corpus Christi, Texas, 24-year-old super-market lay evangelist, told the Youth for Christ International convention. Butt, vice president of a super market chain of 56 stores declared to a crowd of 4,500 in the Billy Sunday tabernacle,

"The highways of history are bleached with the bones of civilizations which thought they could forget God and get away with it. Our basketball scandals, our revelations from senate crime investigations and the increase in teen age crime are but three of the signposts America has seen

## THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Please send all personal mail for the editor to Wheaton, Illinois.

Cumberwood, Murfreesboro, and Bill Rice!

For eight heavy days the editor was at Murfreesboro in the initial conference at the Cumberwood Christian Retreat on the Bill Rice ranch nine miles north of Murfreesboro. All but four of the evening services were held in the large Westview Baptist Church, Rev. Woodrow Medlock, pastor. Four hours each morning people met on the ranch to work. A large dining hall and kitchen, forty by eighty, took shape, lacking roofing and some finishing touches. A two-room with bath, concrete block cabin neared completion, and so with a concrete block wellhouse. Benches were made to seat over four hundred people. Lights were strung to the conference area. The roads, with bridge and cattle-guard, were improved. Trails through the brush were cleared. In Murfreesboro a public school across the street from Westview Baptist Church was kindly offered for sleeping quarters, beds were collected, and people from sixteen states came to stay during the conference, with forty or fifty on hand for work most mornings. The fine cooperation of Westview Baptist Church delighted our hearts. At 1:30 daily this editor spoke at the conference ground under a tent. At 6:45 and 8:00 P.M., two messages were given nightly. Speakers included Dr. D. A. McCall, Dr. Lee Roberson, Evangelist Bill Rice, Rev. Woodrow Medlock, and this editor.

### Lake Louise—Greatest Crowd Ever

At Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, July 7 to 11, God gave us the best conference we have ever had at this beauty spot. The crowds were larger than ever. The dining room was jammed full with three hundred people for some meals and at least once some had to wait for a second table. Others camping nearby or driving in from the local community increased the crowds. In many ways it was one of the strongest programs and one of the most satisfactory and spiritually-blessed conferences on revival and soul winning which we have ever had.

Next year the Sword Conference at Lake Louise will be July 6 to 12. We hope to have more room and added features. Plan now to attend! What wonderful blessings we had from the ministry of Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. Jesse M. Hendley, Dr. D. A. McCall, Evangelist Bill Rice and from the music by Strat Shufelt, Don Sandberg, and Jessie and Joanna Rice. Forty-six people pledged to send one hundred subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD by next July 1.

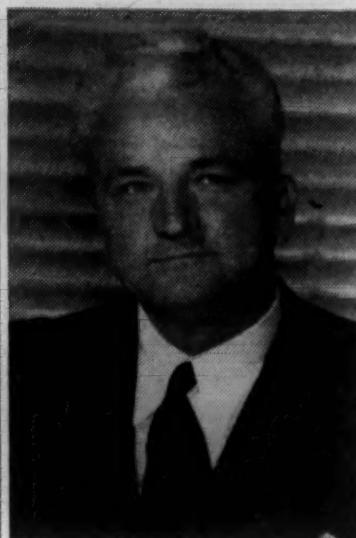
### Yes, You May Still Save Money and Help Us

This summer we would be glad if thousands of SWORD readers would renew their subscriptions for four years. That would keep our workers during the slack summer season, it would save us the expense of making extra stencils, of writing extra subscription letters, putting renewal blanks in THE SWORD, etc. It would save us from losing good subscribers who mean to renew but sometimes forget. And so we are glad to make you this \$8 value for only \$5. Send \$5 at once, have your SWORD subscription moved up four full years from its present expiration time. And you may send subscriptions to four of your friends one year each for \$5, at the same time if you wish. Write the Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

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# Dr. D. A. McCall Speaks

Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall was for eleven years executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention Board of Mississippi, and Director of Evangelism, leading fifteen hundred churches; then more recently pastor for two years of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago. On July 7 he came to the Sword of the Lord Foundation as full-time minister of Revival Promotion. A mighty preacher, a strong Bible student, an unusually gifted and trusted leader of men, Dr. McCall comes to the Sword of the Lord to help us spread revival fires everywhere. He will hold revivals, will help build up the churches, will inspire preachers, will everywhere promote the cause of Jesus Christ in strong spiritual leadership.

Here we give two brief messages from Dr. McCall.

## A Personal Word

By D. A. McCall, Minister of Revival Promotion  
Sword of the Lord Foundation

It is with real joy and happy anticipation that I come to the work of the Sword of the Lord.

I realize the work is too great for any man in his own strength. God through the ages has helped those who mean business for Him. God's people help each other in prayer. I count on Him and them NOW!

First, revival, the chief concern of the Sword, challenged me. Christianity as a mighty, militant spiritual force and people was launched in revival on Pentecost. One revival after another follows throughout Acts. Revivals were had in Old Testament days. I have held right at half of the revivals in my own pulpit in thirty-seven years of ministry to date.

Second, the Sword standing 100% for the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures warmed my heart. The Bible is the very Word of God.

Third, the Sword largely helps the pastors and the churches. I love pastors. Despite an occasional Obadiah (I Kings 17-18), or a Judas among God's ministers—there are the Moses, Elijahs, Johns, Pauls and others—and I love them. I like to help them!

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of God that Jacob was guilty of lying, deceit and stealing.

Oftentimes we speak about the new birth as a change of heart. I am very careful not to use that term. I never say a "change of heart," because actually, although that is a commonly used expression in connection with conversion, the fact is that the heart is never changed. God says, 'I give you a new heart,' (Ezekiel 11:19) but God does not say that He changes your heart. The heart, even after we are born of the Spirit of God, still remains "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9). In fact, the new birth, the regeneration experience a man has who comes into vital union with Jesus Christ, is not even the removal of his carnal nature, as some religionists suppose and teach. When Jesus Christ invades our lives with His power, His glory, and His presence, He does not take out of our lives our carnal nature. It stays there. There are those who teach that the carnal nature is eradicated, that it is removed, that the stump, root and all, is pulled out and it is gone, but there is no Scripture to support that. I am always reminded of that fellow who got up in a testimony meeting and in a very loud voice said, "I want you to know that when I was converted, all the sin in my life was eradicated and for forty years I have never sinned." He no sooner said those words than his wife way at the back got up and said, "John, don't you forget I'm sitting back here!"

The new birth, the regenerated experience that we have in Jesus Christ, is the reception into our lives of an entirely new nature, a spiritual nature. An impartation of the very nature of Jesus Christ is given to every born-again per-

son. In every legitimate child of God, according to the plain, clear teaching of the Word of God, there are two natures: the old nature and the new nature. They are both within us—the flesh and the spirit. Paul brings out in the Book of Romans that these two natures are constantly and continually warring, one against the other. The problem of sin is ever present with God's saints, and is just as real when they are saved as it was real before they were saved. As long as there remains the old carnal nature, there is in a believer the possibility and the liability to sin. Certainly this does not by any stretch of the imagination, or by any contorting or twisting of Scripture, or by any fallacy and deceit of the human mind, give any excuse whatsoever for a man ever yielding to the old nature in sinning. Indeed, the Word of God strictly, stringently and exhortingly warns and burns upon us the impression that we are ever to reckon the old nature as being dead and to reckon ourselves as being alive in the new nature. Paul writes to the Corinthian Christians and says, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not" (I Corinthians 15:34). In I Peter 1:15-16, Peter says, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." The word *holy* means set apart, belonging utterly to God, the sole property of God. In other words, Peter is saying, "Don't let your character be molded by the desires of your fleshly nature, but be holy in every department, in every area, in every part of your life. Make sure that all of your life, the totality of it, is owned and governed by Jesus Christ, make sure that He is Lord of all! John tells us in

## Love Ever Gives

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

Love ever gives, forgives, outlives;  
And ever stands with open hands,  
And, while it lives, it gives.  
For this is love's prerogative  
To give, and give, and give.

To give is God-like! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

We dare say many SWORD readers have caught the spirit that permeates the work of the Sword. The Sword has asked for gifts for revival conferences in order to help pastors, other workers, and, the churches—but none for itself. The Sword has channeled thousands of dollars for getting the Gospel into Korea, Japan, Formosa, Italy, Portugal, Spain, India, South America, and other places—but none for itself. The Sword has received gifts that thousands of pastors, missionaries, and others might receive the best revival literature on earth today—but none for itself.

Now, the Sword of the Lord stands in special need of help—not for its own sake—but so that its greatly-expanded work may be cared for.

The building in which, and from which, the work of the Sword is carried on is overcrowded and packed with workers, desks, cabinets, machinery, stacks of books and press paper. The Sword badly needs a new building which should cost around \$250,000.

Enough of God's money is in the hands of His people to erect this building. You will thrill at having a part in this great work.

Some day many of you will walk through the new building and praise Him for letting you have a part in it!

Here is the general plan for the first phase of the campaign—worked out in seeking the will of our Lord and in conference with Dr. Rice:

1952

August—Prayer, information, etc. September—Every SWORD reader, every lover of our Lord, every believer in revival, every person who loves to build in the Lord, give \$1 for this building this month.

October—Surprise feature—"A Little Bird Told Me,"—Ecc. 10:20.

November—Thank offering to this building for some special blessing received.

December—Great climactic, victorious offering for the erection of this building as a great Christmas love offering.

"They brought too much" (Exod. 35:7). Here God's people brought too much materials for the building of the tabernacle. God has His "brought too much" people. Why not be a member of that group?

I John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit (the word in the Greek is 'habitually practice') sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." God's nature is in the man who has been born of the Spirit of God, and that nature is such that no man can possibly sin in *that nature*. He cannot sin in the *new nature*. If a man sins, he sins in his *old nature*. He reverts to what he was before he was saved.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 says: "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." God's standard for a believer is exceedingly high, and we all come short of it. John says that if we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar and His word is not in us (I John 1:10). We quickly recognize the overt, flagrant, obvious sins of the flesh, the carnal sins, but did you know that anxiety is a sin? That comes close to all of us, doesn't it? Did you know that worry is a sin? It is! Did you know that covetousness is a sin? And the most outstanding sin of all, the greatest sin among believers, is the sin of pride? Pride! Spiritual superiority! These are ugly sins, just as odious, just as much a stench, just as much a cause of heartache and pain to Jesus Christ—in fact, more so than the sins of the flesh! Spiritual sins cause much greater agony to the heart of God than the obvious sins of the flesh. The Word of God forbids foolish thoughts, and clearly says they are sins. So we are *all* guilty—some more, some less.

### What Sin Does NOT Do for Christians

What are the consequences of a saint or a believer's sinning? What are the penalties involved by the conscious, unconfessed sin in the life of a child of God?

Negatively, when a believer sins, he does not cease to be God's child. If that were true, none of us would be His children, not one. The child of God is one who has had a spiritual birth, who has been born into the family of God. He is a regenerated individual with a new nature. When one is born physically in an earthly family, it is impossible for him to be unborn. The Word of God says: "We who are born of the Spirit of God are born of incorruptible seed." What does that mean? It means indestructible seed—seed that can never be destroyed. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of

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# Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor



## Sword Staff Evangelist At Hartland, New Brunswick, Canada

Pictured above is Sword Staff Evangelist Kenneth Chapman, Songleader James Stoutenborough (regular songleader for Eddie Wagner), his wife and daughter who assisted the evangelist in a fine revival at People's Church, Hartland, New Brunswick. Though the work is small and less than one year old, God blessed with 31 decisions for salvation, and many other rededications. Mrs. Stoutenborough did solo work and blessed the hearts of those who heard her sing.

### Eddie Martin Sees 456 Claim Christ

Evangelist Eddie Martin recently closed a three week campaign with five churches of Glasgow, Kentucky cooperating in the effort. He reported that in this town of 7,000 more than 2,000 persons were in attendance each night of the series with nearly 4,000 trying to get onto the grounds the final Sunday, June 22. 456 persons were saved; 1,200 signed full surrender, for daily Bible reading, family altar, tithing, soul winning, and separation from harmful practices, cards, etc. Many people were baptized and others added to the several churches. The group's follow-up group visited every convert in the home.

A report comes from Evangelist Bill Fitzwater telling of two revival meetings held in northern Florida. Over 60 were saved in the First Baptist Church, Fernandina, Florida, of which Rev. John Hunt is the pastor. On July 13 Rev. Fitzwater concluded an eight day campaign in the First Baptist Church, Hilliard, Florida. There were over 40 first time conversions in this series.

### Jim C. Sluss With Evangelist Brannon

Jim C. Sluss, from Virginia, a graduate of Bob Jones University became an associate of Evangelist Clifton Brannon on June 15. He has worked with him now in two revivals. He has charge of the music during the campaigns and Evangelist Brannon says he is an excellent youth worker. The team recently closed a campaign in Stephenville, Texas with about 20 families added to the church. In the meetings there were 243 decisions for Christ.

On July 15 a campaign was concluded in North Fort Worth, Texas, sponsored by the Azle Avenue, Broadview, and Belmont Park Baptist Churches. There were 211 definite decisions for Christ and more than 100 came for baptism. On July 4, more than 1,100 people attended the service and 53 came forward to make decisions for Christ. There was a united baptismal service on the last Sunday.

### Sword Staff Evangelist Sees Souls Saved in Nova Scotia

Evangelist J. H. (Dick) Melton, Sword Staff Evangelist, wrote

June 17, after completing a revival campaign with the United Baptist Church, Bear River, Nova Scotia, Canada, that sixty-six souls were saved during the revival. This was his eighth revival in 1952. The other seven were as follows: February 17 through March 2, First Baptist Church, Leachville, Arkansas, 72 professions and additions; March 3-16, First Baptist Church, Ulysses, Kansas, 41 professions and additions; March 19-30, Keiser Baptist Church, Keiser, Arkansas, 31 professions and additions; April 1-11, Gosnell Baptist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas, 34 professions and additions; April 13-20, West Side Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, 24 professions and additions; April 22 through May 4, Calvary Baptist Church, Chatsworth, Illinois, 31 professions and additions; and May 5-18, Central Baptist Church, Springhill, Louisiana, 54 professions and additions.

Following the revival at Bear River, Brother Melton went to River John, Nova Scotia, Canada, with Temple Baptist Church.

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Evangelist Oscar Wells of the Sword Staff of Evangelists sends a report of a blessed revival in Kentucky with 39 converts who were baptized, 4 additions to the church by letter, and a large number of rededications. Many people were saved after having been in very deep sin. The pastor's report is to follow.

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### Sword Staff Evangelist Ralph Dodd Commended

Rev. L. B. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Farmerville, Louisiana sends a report commending Evangelist Ralph Dodd who held a revival campaign in his church, June 1-8.

"... He is as sound in his doctrine as one can be. He preaches with extreme fervor, loves and fears the Lord. He fights sin in all of its forms and preaches the Truth to all alike. He magnifies Christ and His atonement and constantly urged our people to renew their vows unto the Lord. His coming to our church was a decided blessing to all of our work and a blessing to our town. We do not hesitate to recommend him to any church and to people who can stand sound preaching and who are really anxious for a God led, Spirit filled revival. There were nine people added to the church during the week. . ."

### Evangelist and Mrs. Frank Harpell

From Rev. Edward C. Emery, pastor of the East Randolph Baptist Church, East Randolph, Vermont, comes the report of a blessed revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Frank Harpell.

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### Holds 21 Revivals Per Year

Evangelist Dan Vestal, 4213 Frazier, Fort Worth, Texas, a good friend of The Sword of the Lord, sends an article about himself as printed in *The Fort Worth Star Telegram*. The article reads: "EVANGELIST'S ZEAL FOR CHRIST ROSE FROM CHILDHOOD BURNS"

"Rev. Dan Albert Vestal is a 33-year-old minister with a burning ambition to save souls.

"Burns, as a matter of fact, are responsible for his dedicating his life to working for God. He suffered facial burns when he was 7 months old. Later on, he underwent 14 painful operations. During that ordeal he was converted and decided to become a minister.

"He was pastor of a Baptist church near Waco before turning to evangelism seven years ago. In those seven years he's averaged 21 revivals a year. 'And,' he says, 'more than 1,000 persons each year have made a stand for Christ in my meetings.'

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Brother Piell says: ". . . His messages are clear and concise and true to the Word of God, reaching both saved and unsaved. . . His love for lost souls is demonstrated by a willingness to make contacts by visitation. I do not hesitate to recommend Don Forbes to any and all churches as an evangelist."

Brother Forbes is married and has two children. His wife is heartily back of this decision to give up a comfortable pastorate to enter full-time work as an evangelist. Brother Forbes may be addressed till September 21 at 1909 North Fairfield Avenue, Chicago 47, Illinois. After September 21 his address will be 322 Logan Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

at Graham. Three churches are co-operating in the series of meetings.

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## CHAPTER III

(LAST WEEK: Jerry Thomas, 11, pulled his friend Hurry Watson out of the water, unconscious. They are miles from help, but suddenly Jerry remembers that Mike Spann, the Scoutmaster, is at the Scout Cabin. He hurries to get him, and Hurry is revived by artificial respiration and taken home, weak but alive. Jerry had disobeyed his mother in going swimming, and he expected trouble when he got home. However, his mother didn't say much; just told him that when people did wrong, as he had done in going swimming, they were always hurt by it. She explained why, too—that it was because everybody has a sinful nature. Then she told him she always prayed for him. Jerry was embarrassed—and glad, too.)

The basement room was crowded, and a steady hum rose from the boys gathered into four rows of folding chairs. As Mike Spann, the scoutmaster, entered, he heard a sharp crash, as a chair went over backward and its former occupant landed on the floor with a startled yell.

"Hello, boys." Mr. Spann was striding briskly to the front of the room. "Let's stand and give the scout oath."

The chairs squeaked across the cement as twenty-five boys got to their feet. Hurry's chair went over backward, which was no surprise to anybody. That happened to Hurry oftener than not.

"All right, boys; you may be seated now." Mr. Spann wisely contemplated the ceiling as the intricate process of fitting twenty-five scouts into twenty-four chairs resolved itself. "You know what the scout motto is," he said, when what passed for silence had been achieved. "Be prepared . . . that's the aim of every scout. We've tried to train you, here in the troop, so you'll be ready for whatever you might meet. We've given you the best First Aid instruction available so you'd be prepared for emergencies. We've given you training in artificial respiration, and by the way, some of you have already had occasion to use it." (Tommy Martin snickered into his hand and looked furtively at Hurry. Hurry just frowned and looked at Mr. Spann more intently.)

Mr. Spann smiled. "But you know, boys, I've been doing some serious thinking recently. I've

tried my best, as your scoutmaster, to prepare you for everything you'll meet in this life. That's what's really important, fellows . . . planning for eternity. I want you to be prepared where it really counts."

Suddenly the boys were very quiet. Hurry stopped scratching his back, and Tommy stopped making faces at Jerry and turned around to look at Mr. Spann.

"You boys know what I mean when I say we're all sinners. We all do wrong . . . I do, and all of you do." Jerry remembered his mother in the kitchen, the smell of the hot soup, and the guilty feeling inside. "Because we do wrong, we deserve to go to Hell. We'll all die some day . . . you know that. You're young, but that doesn't necessarily mean it will be a long time, either. Any of us . . . all of us . . . might meet God at any moment. But God has provided for our sins, by sending His Son to die for us. By trusting in Christ, we can have our sins removed forever—erased, as if they'd never happened."

Each boy was thinking his own thoughts, and some of them squirmed uneasily. There were things each of them would like to have erased, as Mr. Spann had said, so it would be as if they had never happened.

"I'm not preaching a sermon. You're my boys, you know, and I just want to be sure you're going to meet me in Heaven. I wanted to let you know where I stand, and to tell you I pray for every one of you every night. I hope you'll trust Christ . . . and if ever I can help you, please come and talk to me about it."



Scoutmaster Mike Spann

The room was very quiet; and Jerry knew he wasn't the only one who was thinking about how wonderful Mr. Spann was, with his honest face, his cheerful grin, and his teasing ways. When you saw a fellow like that, you couldn't help but want to be like him, Jerry thought. If Mr. Spann was a Christian, then it must be the right thing to do.

Just then Mr. Spann's voice came through, cutting off Jerry's thinking. "All right, time for crafts. Hurry, I'd like to see you finish tooling that leather belt today. Let's see, Tommy, will you need help on your planter? No? That's good. I can spend some time with the three boys who are beginning plastic carving today.

Jerry, you'll be in charge of the darkroom today, please. Get out the supplies, and carefully, Jerry. Then you can sort of schedule things, and keep the fellows out of one another's hair. . . . We have two new books on woodlore, and there are a couple of you who could spend a little time in them with profit. You, Jim, and Hughie—better stay in there and get your work done for your badges, hadn't you?"

Within five minutes every head in the building was bent over some project dear to the hearts of boys. Mr. Spann spent some time with one, helped another over a tough spot, then encouraged those who were becoming discouraged with a long-lasting jo'. He stopped outside the door of the darkroom, where Jerry stood.

"How's it going, Jerry?"

"All right, sir."

"Developed that roll with the flower pictures on it yet?"

"It's in the solution right now, Mr. Spann. I sure do hope they turn out good."

"I think you really got a good shot there . . . maybe we ought to enter it in the newspaper contest in the city."

Jerry's eyes shone. "D'ya . . . d'ya really think they're that good, Mr. Spann?"

"Can't tell until we see them, of course, but it ought to be fun to try. Did you check your exposure time and lens opening carefully?"

"Did it just like the book—" Jerry grinned, "I think."

Mr. Spann had a twinkle in his eye as he and Jerry shared the joke. "Yep, I know—just like the picture of old Betsy the cow you took . . . just like the book! Guess I shouldn't criticize, though, Jerry. After all, you did get one foot of Betsy in the picture!"

"I've learned a lot since then, Mr. Spann. And say, wouldn't that be something, if I . . . if I even got an honorable mention in the Post. Wouldn't it now!" Jerry looked at his watch. "Scuse me, Mr. Spann. I gotta get in there and check that roll."

"Your mother would be pretty proud of you all right."

Jerry opened the door carefully so no light could enter, and disappeared through the curtains. When he came out Mr. Spann was still waiting.

"Looks O.K. so far," Jerry reported.

Mike Spann smiled, "Good! By the way, there's a new boy in town, Jerry. I hope we can get him to come to Scouts. Name's Pete Laughton, lives over by the tracks on State Road. Why don't you go by and invite him to come with you, next time?"

"I guess I could, Mr. Spann. He'd like Scouts, I bet."

"I think so . . . and I'd like for you to help him make friends and get acquainted here."

Jerry squirmed a little, polished his right shoe on the back of his left trouser leg, and thought to himself, "Who, me?" But then he looked at Mr. Spann and the affectionate blue eyes seemed to give him confidence. Out loud he said, "You really want me to, Mr. Spann?"

"I really do, Jerry. I've asked him, but one of you boys could persuade him better, I think."

Jerry thought a moment. "Well, I'll sure try. I'll do my best to get him to come to Scout meeting next week."

Mr. Spann glanced over at the plastic carving group. "Guess I'd better be getting along, Jerry. Looks like Joey needs some help over there. Bring that print over to show me when you get it ready, will you?"

"You bet I will, Mr. Spann."

Jerry was busy in the dark room, after that, showing one of the scouts how to keep moving his roll of film in the developer, and getting the negatives ready on his own roll. As he put the first one into the printbox, there was a moment's excitement, as he again thought of the Post's photo contest. He fastened the best negative under the clamps and turned on the printer. He watched the clock a little nervously . . . this was one print he sure didn't want to ruin! Some fun, that would be, seeing his picture printed in the Post, with his name under it, *Mr. Jerry Thomas*, it would say, "of Whittenburg."

Jerry was having such a good time thinking about his name in the paper he had completely forgotten about the negative in the printbox. Suddenly, his eyes focused on the second hand in horror. The timer wasn't working! He had overexposed the print!

Quickly, Jerry removed the print, and his heart sank. It was hopelessly overexposed, the picture he had hoped to submit in the contest. The background was a



"I guess I got a little excited," Jerry admitted.

solid, heavy black, with no detail whatsoever. No picture for a photo contest, certainly.

Jerry whirled to the boy beside him. "Ken, what's wrong with the timer? It's not working right! My picture's ruined!"

Ken shifted uneasily. "I don't know. Jim Wilson was fooling with it a minute ago."

With an object for his resentment, Jerry's irritation suddenly became real anger. He burst out of the door of the darkroom, not even being careful about the safety curtains that were inside the door. "Why the dirty bum! He's ruined my picture! That makes me so mad!"

Mr. Spann had heard Jerry's outburst, and started across the room toward him. The troubled look on his face made a funny feeling in Jerry. Maybe it was a little silly to get mad at Jim, after all. It would be easy as pie to make another print, and here he was making a fuss over it. He looked down at the ruined picture, which seemed a little fuzzy now.

"What's the matter, Jerry?"

"Timer's off on the printbox, Mr. Spann. Jim Wilson was fooling with it."

"That won't be hard to fix. What's so tragic about it?"

The anger was all gone now. Jerry felt just plain foolish.

"Oh, nothing, I guess. It was my picture for the contest. I guess I got a little excited."

"Let's see it." Mike Spann looked at the damp print with interest. Jerry expected him to hand it back with disgust, but instead he kept looking at it.

"That's rather an interesting effect, Jerry, to have all the background burned out, with just the flower details showing." His eyes twinkled. "Bet you couldn't have done it if you'd tried!"

"No sir, I guess not." Jerry looked doubtfully at the print. "Maybe I should thank Jim Wilson, instead of getting mad."

"Well, at least you should apologize. No point in getting mad, anyway, over a little thing like that. You can always make another print, you know."

"Yes, sir. That's right. Don't know why I had to go and get so silly mad."

Mr. Spann was still staring thoughtfully at the picture. "As a matter of fact, something out of the ordinary like this might be just the thing for the Post contest."

Mr. Spann handed the print back. As Jerry took it, his mother's voice came back to him. . . . "It's always easier to do wrong than right . . ." And then he could hear Mr. Spann, in scout meeting . . . "We all do wrong . . . all of us do."

And Jerry went back into the darkroom feeling mighty uncomfortable.

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## The Sins of the Saints

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God, which liveth and abideth forever" (I Peter 1:23). Can that which is incorruptible die? No. The obvious answer is that it cannot. To be born again, the Word of God says, "Is to be made a partner of the divine nature of Jesus Christ." The Scripture says, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:4). In other words, when we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we become participants and partakers of His Deity. We are a part of His divine nature. Therefore, since God is eternal, can anyone who shares His nature perish? Certainly not!

*Secondly, when a believer sins, he does not forfeit eternal life.* Why? Because it is a gift, the free gift of God. It is all grace.

If the believer forfeited the gift of God by sin, then certainly it is not eternal life. It could not be. Dr. William Pettingill, one of today's great Bible scholars, said after his study of the Word of God for a lifetime, that when one has definitely decided for Christ and has received that quality of life God calls eternal life, then if it could be taken away because of

his sin, it would not be eternal. It would be transitory and temporal, not permanent and eternal. When we study the Word of God, we realize that God gave to Adam a probationary life. It was his as long as he obeyed the command of God and refused to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God gave to Israel in Canaan a conditional life, and it was contingent on their keeping the law of God and their abstinence from idolatry. To the believer in Jesus Christ, God gives neither probationary nor conditional life, but eternal life. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

*Thirdly, when a believer sins, he does not lose the Holy Spirit.* The believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit takes up His abode in the believer, not because of any personal fitness that he finds in the believer, but on the basis of the grounds of the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary. You remember that David besought God in anguish and said, "Take not thy holy spirit from

me" (Psalm 51:11). This was under the dispensation of the law. In contrast, under the dispensation of grace we have the promise, "And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever" (John 14:16).

The believer can and does grieve the Spirit of God. The Scripture says: "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30). But he cannot grieve Him away, out of his life. The Corinthian Christians, for example, were doing things utterly unbecoming to Christians. They were living lives that were actually less spiritual than those of the heathen round about them. They were losing their testimony for Christ. They were an enigma and a contradiction, yet what does Paul write to them? Paul says, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?" (I Corinthians 6:19) That the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? He was saying, "Because that is true, then stop living the way you are; recognize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and seek a holy life. It becometh you!"

*Next, a believer's sin does not unfit him for heaven.* The moment we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the moment we are born of the Spirit of God, we are qualified to enter the presence of a

thrice Holy God. As Paul says to the Colossians: "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12). This fitness is not in ourselves, but once again it is in Christ and solely on the basis of His finished redemptive work in our behalf. The fitness of the prodigal son to sit at the Father's table and to partake of the bounties that were thereon was because of the robe that the father placed about him, the robe of righteousness. The only thing that makes you and me fit for the presence of God is the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, wherewith and by which we are robed. That robe is a testimony to the fact we have confessed our sins and have been forgiven. Therefore God sees us through the propitiatory sacrifices His Son has made for our salvation. None of us without the robe of Christ's imputed righteousness could ever stand in the presence of God. It is the blood of Jesus Christ that gives us the title to a mansion in the Father's house.

If sinning unfitted the believer for Heaven, no one would ever get there, because all of us offend in some point. No one is perfect. I have often heard that Scripture in Hebrews 12:14 used to prove that we could never enter Heaven unless we are holy, interpreted to mean, "unless we are pure, perfect, sinless, and that all sin has been absolutely eradicated." I have always heard the verse quoted this way: "Seek after holiness, without which no man can see the Lord." That is not what the Scripture says. The Scripture says: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." In other words, as believers it should be our ambition, our desire, the great, driving, motivating power of our lives to

strive after peace, to strive after holiness. There should not be a moment of our lives but that our personal ambitions should be pointed in the direction of peace and in the direction of holiness. Note that the Word of God does not say we will achieve it. It says *follow after it*, for without it no man can see God. It is the pursuit of holiness, the continual searching after it, and the constant following of the will of God so that we become increasingly like Christ that makes us more every day what we ought to be. But even at that, there are none of us in this world who will ever attain perfection. No one of us ever has; no one ever will. There was only One who was perfect, holy and undefiled, and His name was Jesus Christ.

*A believer who sins does not eternally perish.* Remember I am not talking about an apostate. I am talking about a believer. A believer may drift away, but he will not perish. Noah backslid so much that he became intoxicated and engaged in immoral acts that make us cringe but God did not cast him off. Abraham certainly deterred and erred from the faith in the clear knowledge of God's commands when he went into Egypt and in unbelief lied. Jacob deliberately deceived his father. In fact, much of his life is like the record of one who never knew God. Moses directly disobeyed the command of God, and in his disobedience he was not privileged to march with his people into the land of Canaan. Yet God never cast him off. Peter denied his Lord vehemently, but he did not perish. Each and every one of these was able to say, "He re-strengthened my soul!"

A saint or a believer can never lose his salvation because nothing can separate him from Jesus. (Continued on page 8)

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## Heresies Exposed

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ing of history has been exposed most convincingly in a booklet entitled *British-Israel Under New Searchlights*, by Avery H. Forbes, M.A., which *The Christian* (London) termed "unanswerable." In his preface of the second edition he says:—

One well-known British-Israel author told me that, when asked by the "Covenant" publishing people to tackle my pamphlet, he refused, saying, "Mr. Forbes is right in his history, and you are wrong." He informed me, however, where my mistake lay; namely, in not recognizing that the British were *Ephraim*—which tribe was promised blessings and privileges above the others. How he ascertained that we were *Ephraim*, he did not say. I replied that, if we are *Ephraim*, so also are those Scandinavians who are descended from the same ancestors (unless he held that a man's grandfathers were not descended from his forefathers!) To this reply I have received no answer.

The great historical difficulty the British-Israel people are up against is to bridge over a gap of more than 1,000 years—roughly from 700 B. C., when the ten tribes were in captivity in Assyria, to the fifth century A. D., when the Jutes and Angles first appeared in history. This yawning gulf is precariously bridged by British-Israelism with the aid of the Scythians, whom they assert to be identical with the "lost ten tribes." Herodotus, writing about 400 B. C., says the Scythians were then located in Southern Russia. We will now let Mr. Forbes speak:—

There is thus not a scrap of definite evidence to connect the Scythians with the ten tribes, or the Scandinavians with the Scythians. . . . Of the Scythian nation, placed by Herodotus northwest of the Black Sea, it is asked in *B. I. Truth*, "Could this be the Israelites which had been lost to sight in Asia?" (p. 116). Two pages further on we read: "The emphatic point is this, that the particular Scythian people, whose prowess is set forth by the Greek historian, Herodotus, entered Europe at the very epoch, by the self-same route, and from the identical district of Asia, at, by, and from which journeyed the Israelites of *Esdras*" (p. 118). On the next page we read: "The difficulty is not to trace any possible connection between the Scythians and the Israelites but to conceive how the two people could be anything but one and the same" (p. 119). Therefore Herodotus' description of the Scythian nation "is a picture of lost Israel" (p. 119). "Scythia then . . . was the home of the ancestors of the English" (p. 123). "So the chain stands complete" (p. 124). "If Scripture then suggests that Israel is in Britain, history emphatically supports this suggestion" (p. 128).

What is at first a bare possibil-

ity, is turned into a surmise; a surmise soon becomes a likelihood; the likelihood becomes an extreme probability and ends by becoming a dogmatic certainty!! This is not exactly the way in which responsible historians write authentic history!

Mr. Forbes traces the history of the British nation, writing of the ancient Britons, the Huns, the Danes and Saxons, proving that the British-Israel theory is here up against what he calls "a stone wall." And here is the stone wall:—

Here we are up against a stone wall. That the Normans did not all come to England with the Conqueror—or after the conquest either—is patent to everyone who opens an English or a French history. Now the present people of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, and a large section of Germans, Sicilians, Italians, Russians, Icelanders and Greenlanders are descended from those same Danes, Norwegians, Angles and Saxons, as certainly as we are descended from the Anglo-Saxons, etc. Are the modern Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, Saxon-Germans, etc., etc., therefore to be included amongst the British-Israelites? And if not, where are we to draw the line? (Ask Herr Hitler,—Ed.).

Such are some of the claims, teachings, fallacies and fables of British-Israelism. Let the reader beware lest patriotism should blind his or her eyes by the teaching of this School, whose persuasive and eloquent words have beguiled so many. Well has the late, beloved Dr. F. B. Meyer said: "British-Israelism is not capable of argument, it is a kind of infatuation."

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## The Sins of the Saints

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Christ. Twenty centuries ago, Paul asked the question, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:35). A believer—who shall separate a believer from Christ? And then he said: "Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" In exaltation he continued, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39). It was impossible for Noah to leave the ark when he stepped inside and God shut the door. In the same way for one who has placed a definite, conscious faith in Jesus Christ, the door is closed, and that believer can rest in the security and assurance that the work has been done. It is a finished work. He is secure in the consciousness of its accomplishment. Somebody says, "Well, can't a believer crawl off the rock, even though it is the rock of ages?" That is a contradiction! If he is a believer, he will never want to crawl off the rock. No, my friend, a child of God may sin, but the child of God who sins does not lose his salvation, or each of us would lose his every day.

If I were to stop at this point, you would have a wrong idea. You would be saying, "My, isn't that wonderful. I've got nothing to worry about. The Word of God shows us that everything is all right!" You wait a minute! If I were to stop right here, it would be just like encouraging loose living and advocating antinomianism. It would be doing exactly what the Apostle Paul spoke about when he said, "Turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 4). It would be an excuse for sinning. God forbid!

### What Sin Does To Christians

Let us look at the positive side, at what does happen to a believer when he sins.

*In the first place, whenever a believer sins, his communion with God is broken.* That is the end of it. "But your sins and iniquities have separated you from your God" (Isaiah 59:2).

When Adam sinned, the fellowship that he enjoyed, the intimacy with God, the glory of His presence was gone.

Adam sought to flee. He sought to hide. He sought to cover himself. His conscience condemned and convicted him, and he lost all of his love for God's fellowship, God's friendship, God's presence. That is always true. Whenever a saint or a believer has unforgiven sin in his life, immediately his fellowship with God is severed. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2). God's hand will be heavy upon you. David cried, "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my moisture is turned into the drought of summer" (Psalm 32:3-4). Indeed, when David sinned, he suffered agony unspeakable. From a psychological point of view, we call it a traumatic wound. It is the kind of sin that makes a wound in the soul that festers and will not heal. Not until that sin is confessed, forsaken and forgiven is the cloud removed and the fellowship with God restored. Then peace comes, back into a believer's heart.

*Secondly, when a believer sins, the joy of his salvation is gone.* What was the great climax of David's prayer for forgiveness? It was this: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation" (Psalm 51:12). Many misread this text and declare that David lost his salvation. No, he did not lose it. He does not pray for the restoration of his salvation; he prays for the restoration of the joy of it. There is a tremendous difference between losing one's salvation and

losing the joy of it! For instance, occasionally husbands and wives do not agree on some points, and I have even heard that sometimes they quarrel about it? But that does not mean that the marriage is ended and it is all over! What that means is that some of the joy has gone out of the marriage for a little while. Like the little fellow who was sitting at the table when his Mother and Father had one terrific argument. Finally the Father got angry, pushed the table away, got up, went out the door and started down the street. Of course, the Mother was standing at the window, sobbing and crying as she watched him go. The little fellow put his arms around her and said, "Ma, the biggest mistake we ever made was in marrying that guy, wasn't it?"

What we are discussing is the joy of salvation. When David sinned, he not only lost fellowship with God, but he also lost the joy of his salvation. His life became a barren desert, an agony of suffering and pain. Insufferable pain! In proportion as a believer is disobedient to the will of God, in proportion as a believer countenances known sin in his life, he loses his love for spiritual things. His love for the Word of God diminishes, his delight in prayer vanishes, his desire for fellowship with God's people goes, his heart becomes increasingly empty and dissatisfied.

*The believer who allows sin to exist in his or her life not only loses the joy of salvation, but he soon loses the assurance of it, too.*

I have seen many come to the place where they feel that God has forsaken them. Israel said, "God has forsaken us" (Isaiah 49:14).

But what was the truth? God said, "I have not forsaken you, but ye have forsaken me, with your graven images and your strange vanities" (Proverbs 1:23; Jeremiah 8:19). Many come to the place where they feel that God does not love them any more. The truth of it is that God still loves them, but sin has hid His face and they are out of fellowship. The reason they are suffering is because they feel it; they sense it; they know it. They are conscious of the estrangement and the alienation.

*When a believer sins, his effectiveness for service is destroyed.* How can a believer, cherishing sin in his life, tell others about the power of Christ to deliver from sin? How can he speak of the joy

of the Christian life when he does not have the joy of the Christian life in his own soul because of sinning? He can not. If he does, it is a farce and at the same time, a tragedy. We cannot live a life which is displeasing to God and in any way be used in the service of Jesus Christ. You can not be! The Apostle Paul had one great, haunting fear that never left him. What was it? He said, "Lest in preaching to others, I myself should become a castaway" (I Corinthians 9:27). What did he mean? He meant that his greatest fear was that he might, by some terrible circumstance, some off-guard moment, allow sin to come into his life that would nullify him as an instrument, and he could not be used any longer as a vessel unto honor, ready for the Master's use.

During almost every meeting I have ever held, some man comes to me and says, "You know, I was called of God to the ministry, and I started out to preach. God blessed my ministry. Then I sinned, and fell away, and now I'm an instrument that's been put on the rubbish pile. I've never been used from that day to this." Men have come to me and said, "God called me to Christian service, and at the same time I received a lucrative offer to go into business. I listened to the voice of mammon, and I went into business. Immediately all of my effectiveness for Christ was gone, and I've lived my whole life in God's second best, for I haven't been the instrument that I know I could have been."

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Fourthly, when a believer sins, his witness for Christ is nullified. Instead of representing Christ, he misrepresents Him. He provides occasion for the enemies of God to rejoice. That is what Nathan was

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## When the Books Are Opened

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As I sat there and watched that beady-eyed criminal as he was brought to bay with these evidences of his crime, I realized that millions of people were listening to his condemnation and witnessing his exposure to the law. He thought he had covered up his tracks. He thought he would never be brought to bay. I thought, it's going to be that way in the Judgment for those who have no Saviour, for those who have shut out of their lives their only help, the Lord Jesus Christ. What a time it is going to be when your records are wide open! You will have nothing to say.

But this man had something to say. Time and again, when they got him into a tight spot, he said, "I want to consult my lawyer!"

Friend, you won't have any lawyer to consult at the judgment bar of God. You will just stand there alone and take it square on the chin. You won't have any advocate at the bar of God. Thank God, I have a Lawyer—Jesus Christ the Righteous! That is what that word in First Peter means: "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." That word advocate is from the old Latin meaning, "a lawyer." An advocate is one who will stand up for you, plead your case for you, someone you can consult and who will take your part adequately and successfully.

**JESUS NEVER LOST A CASE.** I have sinned against God, but I am glad that I have a Lawyer—Jesus Christ—my Counsel, my Advisor, the one who Himself paid for my crimes, the one who successfully and completely represents me before God Almighty. But if you have rejected Him as

your Saviour and Lord, you do not have anyone to represent you. You will not be able to say before the judgment bar of God, "I want to consult my lawyer!" You won't have one.

Another thing I noticed about this criminal as he stood there trying to defend himself. Time and again when they got him into a tight spot, he said, "I stand on my constitutional rights."

You won't have any "rights" when you stand before God. The right and privilege of claiming Christ as your own Saviour is gone at death. If you did not get right with Him in this life, there is no second chance. Your life may not have been all wrong, but it was surely a mixture of right and wrong, and that alone will send you to Hell.

Some people think that if right overbalances wrong, they will go to Heaven; and if wrong overbalances right, they will go to Hell. All that is foolish, friends. There is wrong and right in all of our lives. The answer is Christ for every human soul! Reject Him, and you won't have any rights before God. Take Christ, and you have the right to go into Heaven. You will be as right as Christ Himself. He who knew no sin, was made to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God. As right as God, in the Lord Jesus Christ. Only in Christ will you have any rights. Outside of Him, all is condemnation. You have broken the laws of God Almighty, and the wages of Sin is Death. The sentence is already decreed. The sinner just awaits the hour of execution of the sentence.

No man outside of Christ has any "rights" before God! Let us remember that. The only right you do have is to come to the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Sin-Bearer, and Lawyer, your Substitute, dying for you, your Representative, the one who has never lost a case. You must turn yourself over into His hands, to be saved before a holy and just God.

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watched this man before the judgment bar of the Crime Investigating Committee was that when he was obviously in the wrong, he would say, "I refuse to answer."

Friend, you will be speechless when you stand before God, without Christ, still in your sins! There will not be any questions asked you. The record will simply be read, your sentence will be decreed, and you will turn, speech-

less, and be led away by God's police to the eternal flames. There won't be anything for you to say! God's Word says so! Condemnation! The records are there. God's X-ray eyes will be upon you, and your soul will be in the white light of God. No sin can stand in God's presence. You won't even attempt to lie before God! This man attempted to lie, it was evident. Lying was evident time and again, deliberately. God says that all liars shall have their share in the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone, which is the second

world to get rid of that judgment, and that is to cast yourself upon Christ, the Son of God, your Saviour, asking for mercy and forgiveness through His shed blood.

This man said something else when he was in a tight spot. "I can't remember." Time and again these men would say, "We'll refresh your memory!" And they would produce the record of what he had done in certain cities, on certain days. There it was all written out.

Friends, I tremble for all lost people, lost souls out of Christ. Every human soul out of Christ is "condemned already," the Word says, and faces judgment. But, thank God, those of us who have put our trust in Christ are not condemned. None of us are righteous in our own selves. God says, "There is none righteous, no, not one." But He says that if we put our trust in Christ, we shall not come into condemnation. There is no way in the world that we can escape but through Christ.

The first thing God will judge you about is **WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH JESUS.** "What did

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## Courage, the Earnest of Character

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gress, once said, "There was an old preacher who used to introduce the marriage sermon with these words, 'John, matrimony is a blessing to a few, a curse to many, and an uncertainty to us all. John, will you venture?'"

The advocates of moderate drinking say, "We know drink is a curse to thousands, safety to a few and uncertainty to us all, but let us chance it" while the platform on which Daniel stood affirms, "Total abstinence is a blessing to thousands, a curse to nobody, and safe for everybody!"

By this doctrine Daniel defeated the Devil. Dr. Basil Manley once said in my hearing, "Young men, I know of one sure, never-failing prescription against drink; it is this—never take the first drink." What wise counsel! What fools we are to disregard it and make a breach in the walls of our character!

Hawthorne, in the *Scarlet Letter*, speaks a stern, sad truth when he says,

"The breach which guilt has once made in the human soul is never, in this mortal state, repaired. It may be watched and guarded so that the enemy may not force his way again into the citadel and might even, in his subsequent assaults, select some other avenue in preference to that in which he had formerly succeeded. But there is still the ruined wall and near it the stealthy tread of the foe that would win over again his unforgotten triumph."

Arthur Dimmisdale was only the representative of thousands who have illustrated that unwelcome truth.

I have known many men to drink and gamble and give themselves to fleshly lusts. I have known very few to reform, save those regenerated by God's grace. The fallen have many hours of penitence and entertain many good purposes; but their arch-enemy sees to it that they fall again, and yet again.

One winter forty years ago I was preaching a series of sermons at Farwell Hall, Chicago, and a poor fellow professed repentance and declared by all that was holy that, having tasted the dregs of sin, he was satisfied to quit such a life and turn to God.

Six months later, on one Thursday night, after I was asleep and the midnight had gone, my doorbell rang. I went to the door and opened it, and lo my reformed man. His breath was eloquent, his knees tottering, his feet uncertain, and after a few minutes he said, "I did intend to do right; but I have been at my cups again."

When I was on a farm and a dog killed a sheep, we shot him, however valuable he had been. We knew that after one experience in tasting the blood of a lamb, he would never recover from his love of it. So far as any help in himself is concerned, it is a good deal so with the man who has once formed an evil habit.

The barkeeper, the shark at gambling, the harlot, seldom lose their grip on a soul that they have once seduced to sin. The entrapped fly may writhe and wrestle and burst the bands at one point, but I have noticed that the spider spins him in his web faster even than the swift wing of any fly can snap them.

Daniel was wise. He kept clear of the trap. He took no chances with moderation. He said, "Sobriety is good enough for me!" He probably felt as our own great Edison expressed himself to Miss Willard, when she asked him why he never used intoxicating liquors, "Because I have a better use for my brain."

### Daniel Preferred Appearing Peculiar to Playing the Fool

He dared to refuse the invitation of a friend. Ashpenaz was fond of this beautiful boy, and we have no reason to doubt that Daniel reciprocated his love. The text says, "God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs."

Had Daniel been like some young men, that would have settled the question of meat and

drink. The world is full of soft-souled Rehoboams who cannot say "no" to their friends.

Some time ago a woman said to me, "My husband is not bad at heart. He errs on the side of his social nature. When his friends want him to drink, he cannot refuse."

Poor pitiable excuse of a man; the fellow who has not moral backbone enough to say "no." He is doomed. He is a piece of putty in the fingers of friends and they will press him into monster form. The man who has no will of his own is the weakest member of society.

Some parents express their purposes to break the will of the child. Dr. Henson has said sagely, "Break his neck, if you want to, but, for humanity's sake keep his will, if he has one. It is a fortune in itself. It does not ask what others wish; it asks what is right. It does not ask what others think of me; it determines instead a course that retains self-respect!"

General Garfield said, "I do not much care what others think and say about me; but I do respect the opinion of one man and value it very much, and that is the opinion of James Garfield. I can get away from others, but I have to be with him all the time. It makes a great difference whether he thinks well of me or not."

While our warm-hearted, weak-headed simpleton who is so affectionate that he cannot say "no," is on his way to perdition, this self-respecting man is steadily advancing to the presidency of the greatest people beneath the sun.

If Daniel had not said "no" to Ashpenaz, his history would have been written in the annals of failure and read in Hell, instead of having record in the earth and giving joy in Heaven.

*You're starting, my boy, on life's journey,  
Along the grand highway of life;  
You'll meet with a thousand temptations—  
Each city with evil is rife.  
This world is a stage of excitement,  
There's danger wherever you go;  
But if you are tempted in weakness,  
Have courage, my boy, to say No!*

*In courage alone lies your safety,  
When you the long journey begin;  
Your trust in a heavenly Father  
Will keep you unspotted from sin.*

*Temptations will go on increasing,  
As streams from a rivulet flow;*

*But if you'd be true to your manhood,*

*Have courage, my boy, to say No!*

*Be careful in choosing companions,*

*Seek only the brave and the true;  
And stand by your friends when in trial,*

*Ne'er changing the old for the new;*

*And when by false friends you are tempted*

*The taste of the wine cup to know,*

*With firmness, with patience, and kindness,*

*Have courage, my boy, to say No!*

*Have courage, my boy, to say No.*

*Have courage, my boy, to say No.*

*Have courage, my boy, have courage, my boy.*

*Have courage, my boy, to say No.*

Perhaps Daniel doubted if a true friend was ever a tempter. Thoughtful people will entertain the same doubt. The moment a man asks me to drink with him or go with him into any sin, he excites first suspicion of his friendship. All the flattery of the finest gentleman cannot cover up his fiendish purpose when once he proposes sin.

Our cities are full of boys and girls who see no evil design in an escort's invitation to enter a drinking house; but to suppose that such an escort is your friend, is to show that Satan could dress himself in finery, flatter you a

little and get your consent to go

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with him to Hell. Poison from the hand of a flatterer is no less deadly because he names it "nectar."

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But all murderers do not fare so fare. Every city has in it friends who, acting under the disguise of friendship, slowly instill death into confiding lives.

Young men, don't lose your souls in satanic traps! Genuine love never tempts its subjects to

sin, and if it does it is ours to present a character that baffles every evil design.

It is claimed by naturalists that a scorpion never attempts to sting a victim until it has first discovered a vulnerable point. He will fasten himself upon man and beast and will begin a deliberate search for some unprotected spot. If he find none, he releases his hold and retreats.

It is a good deal so with the tempters of this life; only when they find a weakness in our character will they attempt to wound and wreck us.

It is the soft spot in our morality or mentality upon which they do their fatal work. The only safe man, the only woman who walks the ways of this world with a great degree of safety is the man or woman whose principles are fixed and whose character is established in holiness.

### Daniel Esteemed the Interests of His Soul Above Those of His Station

Success in his judgment was not a question of station.

He did not feel that he must live on high wines, sweet meats, and in splendid dress. The measure of one's manhood is largely taken by his attitude toward the things of the flesh. He is on a low level who seldom lifts his thought above meat and drink, dress and station.

There were many acts in Moses' life that proved his greatness. He was indeed an uncrowned king, but the earnest of all his greatness appears in a single resolution. Paul expresses it in that wonderful eleventh chapter of Hebrews, when he says,

"By faith Moses, when he was come of years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of

Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt."

In that sentence there shines the soul of a man; yes, of a king!

**Daniel's spirituality resulted in temporary success.** The text says he came before the king "fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat," and further informs us that he surpassed them in "knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom."

Sensuality does not preserve beauty, but destroys it instead; nor indeed is it an aid to useful knowledge. The man of the highest morality has the best prospect of high mentality.

Character in itself is an accomplishment, and it aids mightily in making conquest in mental things.

It may have looked to some that Daniel's refusal to indulge in the king's meats and drinks would destroy his prospects, but God makes the appointments to the world's best positions.

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Jesus Christ gave us the secret of true success when He said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Long before Christ's birth, Daniel had demonstrated the truth of His words.

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you do with My Son?" If you have never accepted Him, then to the fire you will go. You will have no salvation apart from Jesus Christ. What you have done with Him, what you are doing today, will be the basis of the first judgment. To accept Him is to depend on Him for salvation, love Him, trust Him, serve Him to the best of your ability, give your heart and life to Him. To reject Christ is to turn your back on Him, not believe in Him, refuse to obey Him, to think you can get by without Him. What you have done with Christ is foremost to God.

The second thing will be, "What did you do with My Word, the Bible?" In effect God will say, "I sent a Book down there. I had it written by holy men of God. You knew it was the Word of God, but you didn't take time to investigate it. You didn't take the time to read it. You took time to read magazines, novels, stock reports, business reports. You were concerned only with how to make another dollar so you could buy an estate and an automobile and the material things of that short life, but you didn't take time to even know my plan for your life. I gave you life. I gave you bread and meat. I gave you health and strength. I gave you everything you ever enjoyed. Yet you didn't take the time to read my Book." That is going to be a tragic time, friend. What you did with Christ will be the first judgment, and what you did with God's Word will be the second.

You say, "Well, that doesn't make any difference to me." Let me remind you, friend, of the authority of the Bible. Let me remind you, by way of comparison, of the authority of the United States government.

Once, when the attorney asked Lou Farrell a question that put him on the spot, Farrell refused to divulge the name of another man. Then the attorney representing the United States Senate said, "You know that you can be cited for contempt. You know what that means?" Farrell said, "I do."

But he refused steadfastly to give the name. Cited for contempt! Contempt for the Senate of the United States! Contempt for the Government of the United States! Contempt for the authorities that be, in this great nation! It is an awful thing. How much greater is a sinner's contempt for God! Contempt for His Christ, for His Day, for His Laws, for His Book.

Friend, as you think on this right there where you are, I wonder if you are guilty of contempt. You haven't taken time to read the Bible. You haven't taken time to take Jesus as your Saviour. You have had no time for the church of the living Christ. You have not taken time for knowing Jesus as your Lord. You haven't taken time to give God one day out of seven for worship and the reading of His Word and Christian service. You haven't taken time to learn what God has said in His Book, let alone to obey them.

Another thing that made me tremble for the unsaved man was to hear the word, DEPORTATION. When the outstanding crime leader, Frank Costello, of the great gambling ring in America, was on the stand, it was evident to him that the threat of deportation was hanging over his head. He was afraid of that! He was afraid of being sent out of this great country of America and sent back to Italy, his native land, where he did not want to go. And I thought about the day

want Hell, where there is no goodness, no blessings from God; where everything is evil and tragic and insufferable! He will not want to be deported, but God's Word says that the soul without Christ will indeed be deported.

God's Word says, "Ye shall receive the greater judgment because you sin against light." Paul reasoned with Felix about judgment to come till Felix trembled. Paul says in Romans that the judgment of God is according to truth. Again we read that the judgment of God is righteous. On that day, all wrong shall be brought to light.

How will it be with you, friend, as you stand before the judgment bar of God? Some day God will open your record! With Christ as your Saviour and Advocate, you will be safe. I am asking you, have you received Christ, God's Son, as your Saviour and Lord? If not, will you accept Him now. Will you do it?

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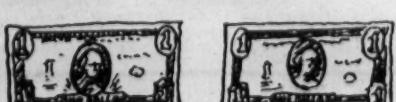
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want Hell, where there is no goodness, no blessings from God; where everything is evil and tragic and insufferable! He will not want to be deported, but God's Word says that the soul without Christ will indeed be deported.

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How will it be with you, friend, as you stand before the judgment bar of God? Some day God will open your record! With Christ as your Saviour and Advocate, you will be safe. I am asking you, have you received Christ, God's Son, as your Saviour and Lord? If not, will you accept Him now. Will you do it?

## The Sins of the Saints

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afraid of when he pointed his finger in David's face. What did Nathan say? He said, "Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die" (II Samuel 12:14). God forbid that we should give the enemies of our wonderful Lord occasion and cause for rejoicing! Yet every time an Elmer Gantry appears in the ministry, it makes the unbelieving, unsaved world re-

ject. You will not be forsaken. You will not be cast off forever. But when you do get off into the night of sin, you become lost in the whirl without God, and when you contradict your testimony, and live your life not so that men can see Christ but so that you misrepresent Him, the Word of God says, "Whom He loveth, He chasteneth." It would be unfair not to say that, because it is in the Bible.

My Dad told one time of a man who said to him, "I don't believe that God whips anyone when he sins. I can get drunk, lie, cheat in business, spend a night in sin and never suffer for it." In the light of Hebrews 12:6, what is that man? "Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." That means that that man does not belong to Jesus Christ and never did. He was a spiritual illegitimate. He had never been born again. He was not a member of the family of God (John 1:12). He was an unsaved church member, and that is all. If we are not chastened, we are not the children of God!

Lastly, when a believer sins, his physical life is in danger. Is not that logical? When God has a believer who is living a sinful life, who is casting aspersions on His grace and mercy, who is blinding people to the testimony, sometimes God reaches down, cuts that life off and takes that one away. The Word of God says so. In other words, if chastisement does not have its necessary effect and the believer continues on in sin, then God may remove that believer and take him home. He has to do that, for the protection and the glory of His cause. That is exactly what happened to the Corinthian Christians. The Apostle Paul's heart was broken because of their sin, because of the way they were causing people to be blinded to the truth of the Word of God by their lives, and so Paul said, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep" (I Corinthians 11:30). The Scripture says He disciplines us as sons that we might not be involved in the general condemnation of the whole world. So He reaches down and takes us home. Jesus said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:2). John said, "There is a sin unto death" (I John 5:16). He is talking about a believer's sin. Moses was removed because of his sin. God took him home. He was not lost, because he appeared again on the Mount of Transfiguration. The Christian, or believer, or saint who sins reaps the natural wages of sin. The Word of God says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8). May God give each one of us a greater hatred for sin, and greater fear of displeasing Him, and a greater desire to cling more closely to Him.

What are the sins of the saints? There are so many that we ought to be constantly on the alert. We ought always to be reckoning the old nature dead, and be alive in the new (Romans 6:11-13). When we knowingly sin as believers, we first of all sever our conscious fellowship with Christ. We secondly lose our testimony and our influence. We thirdly lose the happiness and the joy of the Christian life. We lose all the victory, and become defeated. We have no more enjoyment for the Word of God. Our power in prayer is gone. Our desires and ability to win souls to Jesus Christ dies out, and we are robbed of the rewards that we could have in glory. We ought to be as those who sought Jesus Christ in such a full experience that sin no longer had any dominion in any of their lives.

God help us to follow after holiness without which no man shall see God (Hebrews 12:14).

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## What the Sword Has Done!

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LORD to Methodist preachers around the world who want it? Will someone send me the names of Methodist preachers from each conference in America? Will someone help to pay for their subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD? Do you want to make some Methodist preachers happy like this good man from Erin, Tennessee, so comforted and encouraged to find that someone else stands out against modernism and worldliness and formalism as well as he, and that he is not alone in his fight for Christ and the Bible and soul winning? Then in Jesus' name I beg you pay for the Methodist ministers in your state, to receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD, or help as much as you can. I trust God will speak to readers about this need.

### Episcopal Rector Rejoices in Sword

We are glad to hear again from Dr. Charles H. Harrison, Episcopal rector at New York City. And we publish his letter somewhat reluctantly because of his unusually kind mention of the editor, but we publish it to show the impact of THE SWORD OF THE LORD upon godly men in every denomination.

Dear Dr. John Rice:

"As I wrote you once before, I'm an Episcopal priest, and a member of a religious order (Therians); but I wouldn't be doing my duty if I didn't tell you several things.

"I feel that you are truly inspired, and never more so than in 'One Man, God, and Revival!' If we're to regain what we've lost, it may depend on you, under God, more than on any other one person in the United States. If that be so, may God's will prevail!

"Sincerely yours,"

(Signed) Charles H. Harrison  
New York, New York

Who will see that Episcopal rectors over the land get THE SWORD OF THE LORD? Someone should send their names, someone should pay for ministers to receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Will you?

### Preacher Revived by Sword Conference and Paper

"I have been preaching three years. The first year was fruitless, then I met an evangelist who gave me some old copies of THE SWORD . . . I eagerly read them and then attended the Sword Conference at Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

"Since then, God is blessing my efforts as a rural pastor. Now I know the joy of soul winning. Thank God! . . ."

(Signed) Rev. John Jent,  
Goodman, Missouri

Many a minister's sermons, his prayer life, his spiritual leadership would be transformed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Suppose you were a preacher, you longed to be blessed, but that the only place you knew to get help was in denominational literature or some modernist magazine. Would you not be grateful for THE SWORD OF THE LORD to help stir revival fires in your heart, set a pattern for Bible preaching, and set up a standard of soul winning for you? In Jesus' name, will you subscribe for ministers? You may send your own list of ministers and money to pay for their subscriptions, or you may send gifts to our Missionary and Minister's Subscription Fund. We appeal simply for Jesus' sake that you help us to bless the preachers of the Gospel with THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

### II. Many Souls Saved Through Sword of the Lord

If you knew how rarely most Christian magazines ever hear from some unsaved through its columns, you would be startled at the reports of many people saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. In a year's time, we get letters from seventy or eighty people who tell us they were saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Then reports trickle in, secondhand, from readers who tell of relatives saved, or friends for whom they subscribed. And we believe that hundreds of others are saved going to wrap them all up and

through the sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, who do not write to us. But to read these letters of those saved who do write us is glorious. Here are some samples.

#### Woman Converted Through Sword: Commends "The Home"

"Words can never express how much your paper, THE SWORD . . . has meant in my life. It was sent to my home by a friend just at the time when my heart was crying, 'What must I do to be saved?' And while reading one of the messages my question was answered through Acts 16:31. The Lord wonderfully saved me and I grew in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Again it was through your paper, as I couldn't attend church all the time, that I was able to get the messages.

"Since I'm married I have it coming to my home and also have your book on *The Home*. It has been a great help to me in my Christian life. Keep up the good work 'till Jesus comes. I pray for you daily . . ."

(Signed) Mrs. George Davidson,  
Akron, Pennsylvania

#### Sister-in-law and Husband Saved Through Gift Subscription

"I am so happy to tell you how your wonderful paper helped to win two of our loved ones to Christ.

"During your spring subscription campaign I sent your paper to my unsaved sister-in-law. I was afraid she might not read it, but she enjoyed it from the first. The Holy Spirit used a short article . . . to convict her of her sins. The article was . . . 'What Then?'

"My sister was far away in Idaho at that time, but the Lord sent her and her husband back to Missouri on a vacation. The last evening they spent here, my husband and I presented the way of salvation and asked them if they didn't want to become Christians. They very gladly accepted the Lord, and were happily saved at once, and everyone really rejoiced.

" . . . How we do enjoy your paper. I hope I never miss a single copy."

(Signed) Mrs. Ernest Bayless  
Mountain Grove, Missouri

#### Soldier in Korea Saved Through Sword Sermon

"I am a soldier in Korea. I was

sitting on my bunk one night and I saw a paper lying on the floor. The name of it was THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I read the sermon, 'Heroes and Cowards.'

"I have been a church member for nine years. I went to church every Sunday when I was at home.

"I am twenty-one years of age. I have always tried to do what I thought was right. All of my family are Christians. I know that Jesus Christ died for us and I know that the Lord will answer prayer. I won't say I am a sinner but I am a coward. I have never believed in public confession. But since I have read your sermon, my ideas have opened and changed.

" . . . But since I have read your sermon, I am going to turn to Jesus Christ and take Him as my own Saviour, and depend on Him to forgive me for my sins. This is my confession."

(Signed) Willie M. Bailey (Korea)  
A.P.O.  
San Francisco, California

#### Sword Used in Country Church; Salvation Comes to Relative

"Several years ago my father sent me a subscription to the SWORD . . . Since then we have continued to get it every year. Last year I sent it to five or six of my friends in distant cities. One dear girl friend who attends a very tiny church in the country said that they use your wonderful paper in their church work, take devotionals from it and just couldn't get along without it.

"I also sent it to my unsaved sister-in-law and husband and last year she was so angry about it that she told my husband on a visit last summer that she was

send them back to me. We have been praying for this dear sister-in-law and this spring I received a letter from her that brought tears to my eyes and overwhelming joy to my heart. There has been a great change in her life. I quote from her letter, 'It took me a long time to realize how wrong I have been and now I know that you were only trying to help me. Thank you for the SWORD . . . I have read most of them!'

(Signed) Mrs. A. E. Hess,  
Lee's Summit, Missouri

#### Catholic Man and Wife Saved, Blessed by Sword

"My husband and I were Roman Catholics up unto two months ago.

" . . . A few months before we were saved, we started reading the Bible. And we could see that the Catholic Church was not going by Bible teachings. Well, my husband said he was going to stop going to the Catholic Church and started going to the Baptist Church . . . I told my husband I would never set foot in a Catholic Church again.

" . . . I have a very nice Christian neighbor who subscribes to THE SWORD . . . and she has been giving us her copies when she is through with them. My husband and I get so much good out of THE SWORD . . . We have learned a great deal of the facts of the Bible by reading your paper. We wouldn't miss it for anything now."

(Signed) Mrs. M. T. Hayes  
Weed, California

### III. Sword Should Go to Every Foreign Missionary

THE SWORD OF THE LORD goes to home missionaries of the American Sunday School Union, and we have gotten heart-moving letters from many of these good men in recent weeks. Letters have also come from many of the foreign mission fields of the world, and godly, self-sacrificing missionaries tell us what a sweet message from home, what inspiration and help for the Lord's work is THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We have space for only one more letter which we give below.

#### African Missionaries Grateful for Sword

"Several years ago I made your acquaintance through your blessed book on *Prayer*, and I've loved you ever since.

"I do not know who 'foots the bill' to send me your paper, but would like the donor to know how richly I appreciate it. There are four of us on Mwanza Mission Station, and we all get real soul food from THE SWORD . . .

"I appreciate your clear testimony on the security of the believer."

(Signed) William F. P. Burton  
Elizabethville  
Congo Belge, Africa

This missionary from the Belgian Congo speaks for many others when he says that he "would like the donor to know how richly I appreciate it." The four missionaries at this particular station in Africa are just like the good missionaries around the world. They want the soul food of THE SWORD.

They want help on Bible questions. They want inspiration, encouragement, and the great uplift of spiritual sermons.

I believe that we should simply set out to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every foreign missionary in the world who wants it. That means that thousands of dollars must be given to our Missionary and Minister's Subscription Fund. Would you like to take the missionaries of some area, or of one denomination, or of one board, and pay for THE SWORD OF THE LORD to go to them? Please consider how much encouragement and blessing you could give to these saintly and burdened and lonely men and women of God by sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Enough has been given above to show that THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought to be sent to unsaved ones. Send it to your own relatives and pray for them! Send it to soldiers, to those in T. B. sanatoriums, to men in prison. Send it to unsaved men far and near and pray that God will bless the seed sown. And surely some of it will not return void. And I beg you in Jesus' name, help us to give THE SWORD OF THE LORD to every preacher and missionary who wants it. Will you be our partner, our helper, in this holy business of stirring revival fires and winning souls through THE SWORD OF THE LORD?

Send your gifts, after earnest prayer, to the Sword Missionary and Minister's Fund, or send in your own list of subscriptions. Address the Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois. God bless you, my brothers and sisters, who will help carry this load.

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S. S.  
Stockholm, Maine

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"I have your letter and am deeply grateful to those who so kindly send me the wonderful SWORD OF THE LORD, as its publications are a blessing to anyone. The papers are taken from my hands and so interestingly and eagerly read by others."

Rev. & Mrs. T. J. P.  
Jasper, Alabama

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"We appreciate THE SWORD OF THE LORD no end. I think it is one of the greatest things out, and pray God's richest blessing upon it. It is filling a much-needed ministry in pointing sinners to Christ, in encouraging Christians to a closer walk with the Saviour, in combatting modernism in all its falsity, and in exerting a good and wholesome influence on humanity in general. I certainly intend to promote and defend it to my fullest extent. We hope to use it also when we get to Brazil."

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